victorious over its rivals, we may confidently conclude that the psychical factor in the life of organisms is of their very essence, and that, throughout the scale of organic evolution, it has become of increasing efficacy. We may assert that an impartial review of the evidences to be gathered from all branches ofsciencejustifi.es the following statement made in poetic rather than scientific language by the late Glutton Brock.

* What is the process of evolution but the effort of life to master completely all lifeless matter ? Matter exists to be the medium, of expression for life; and life itself becomes more intense, becomes more completely life, as it masters matter and more and more makes it the medium of expression. Life, as we see it, is spirit expressing itself and becoming itself through the mastery of matter. The difference between ourselves and the lowest forms of life is one of degree, one of intensity of life. Consciousness is a greater intensity of life than sensation, reason than instinct, because it is a greater mastery over matter. And the aim of evolution is always more and more mastery, more and more intensity of life. The perfected universe would be one in which there was no matter not mastered by intensity of life, none that was not the medium of expression conscious, willed, and so personal,'